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**Art Unit 1636**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/869,159; Filed: August 15, 2001  
For: **Assay for Identifying Compounds Which Affect Stability of mRNA**  
Inventors: KASTELIC *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1556.0290000/RWE/JKM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Letter Regarding Ownership of United States Patent Application No. 09/869,159;
2. Assignment to Novation Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Declaration of Dominique Cheneval and Tania Kastelic with Exhibit "A" - Assignment to Novartis AG; Exhibit "B"- Affidavit with Assignment to Novartis AG; Exhibit "C" - Certificate of Corrections from Canadian Patent Office; Exhibit "D" - Assignment between Novartis AG and Novation Pharmaceuticals Inc.; and Exhibit "E" - Assignment to Novation Pharmaceuticals Inc. with acknowledgments of Declaration of inventors; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

On August 15, 2001, Applicants filed the following documents in the above captioned application: a Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), with a copy of an Assignment from the inventors to Novation Pharmaceuticals Inc.; and a Power of Attorney from Assignee with Delegation.

It has since come to Applicants' undersigned representative's attention that the inventor's rights in the priority applications related to the above captioned application were originally assigned by the inventors to Novartis AG, and then subsequently transferred to Novation Pharmaceuticals Inc. In order to clarify the chain of title for the above captioned application, Applicants file herewith copies of the following documents:


Declaration of Dominique Cheneval and Tania Kastelic with Exhibit "A" - Assignment to Novartis AG; Exhibit "B"- Affidavit with Assignment to Novartis AG; Exhibit "C" - Certificate of Corrections from Canadian Patent Office; Exhibit "D" - Assignment between Novartis AG and Novation Pharmaceuticals Inc.; and Exhibit

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Consideration of this letter and of the submitted documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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